**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims, cancel claims 3, 7, 9, 10, 12, 17, 19, 20, 22 and 24-39, without prejudice, and add new claims 40-51 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for selectively placing a distress call in response to activity of an implanted medical device worn by a human subject, comprising:

receiving a wireless signal from the implanted medical device; ~~and~~

in response to receiving the wireless signal:

generating, by an external voice synthesizer, a voice synthesized message providing information about a nature of the human subject's condition;

transmitting, by an external communications device, the distress call in the form of [[a]] the voice synthesized message to a remote location ~~in response to receiving the wireless signal~~.

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2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the wireless signal is indicative of a medical emergency experienced by a human being wearing the implanted medical device.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, prior to transmitting, determining that the wireless signal is indicative of a medical emergency being experienced by a human being wearing the implanted medical device.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the wireless signal and distress call contain vital data pertaining to an organ being monitored by the implanted medical device.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the distress call contains location information indicating a location of a device initiating the distress call.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the implanted medical device comprises one of a pacemaker, an implantable cardioverter defibrillator and a combination thereof.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the implanted medical device comprises a transmitter configured to transmit the wireless signal and a heart regulating device.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A system for selectively placing and handling a distress call, comprising:

an implanted medical device worn by a human subject and comprising a wireless transmitter for issuing a wireless signal;

a wireless external receiver configured to receive [[a]] the wireless signal from [[an]] the implanted medical device; ~~and~~

a voice synthesizer configured to generate a voice synthesized message in response to the wireless signal, the voice synthesized message providing information about a nature of the human subject's condition;

an external communications device communicative with the wireless external receiver and configured to transmit a distress call in the form of [[a]] the voice synthesized message to a remote location in response to receiving input from the wireless external receiver.

14. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the distress call contains location information indicating a location of the external communications device.

15. (Original) The system of claim 13, further comprising a locator device configured to provide location information to the external communications device, wherein the location information is included in the distress call.

16. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the wireless signal and distress call contain vital data pertaining to an organ being monitored by the implanted medical device.

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17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the implanted medical device comprises one of a pacemaker, an implantable cardioverter defibrillator and a combination thereof.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the implanted medical device comprises a transmitter configured to transmit the wireless signal and a heart regulating device.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the external communications device is configured to determine, prior to transmitting the distress call, that the wireless signal is indicative of a medical emergency being experienced by a human being wearing the implanted medical device.

24-39. (Canceled)

40. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the distress call includes at least one of a serial number and a model number of the implanted medical device.

41. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the external communications device is a cell phone.

42. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving, by the external device, a wireless power status signal from the implanted medical device indicating a low battery power of the implanted medical device.

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43. (New) The system of claim 13, wherein the external communications device is a cell phone.

44. (New) The system of claim 13, wherein the implanted medical device is configured to transmit a wireless power status signal to the external communications device indicating a low battery power of the implanted medical device.

45. (New) The system of claim 13, wherein the distress call comprises at least one of the serial number and the model number of the implanted medical device.

46. (New) The system of claim 45, wherein the implanted medical device is configured to transmit a wireless power status signal to the external communications device indicating a low battery power of the implanted medical device.

47. (New) A method for selectively placing and handling a distress call in response to activity of an implanted medical device, comprising:

receiving, by an external communications device, a wireless signal from the implanted medical device;

transmitting the distress call to a remote location in response to receiving the wireless signal;

receiving the distress call at the remote location;

in response to receiving the distress call at the remote location, automatically accessing a patient record from a database; and

displaying the patient record to an operator.

48. (New) The method of claim 47, further comprising:

generating, by an external voice synthesizer, a voice synthesized message providing information about a nature of the human subject's condition; and

transmitting the voice synthesized message with the distress call.

49. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein the external communications device is a cell phone, and further comprising:

generating, by an external voice synthesizer, a voice synthesized message providing information about a nature of the human subject's condition in the event a patient wearing the implanted medical device is in capable of verbal communication;

inputting the voice synthesized message into the cell phone; and

transmitting the voice synthesized message with the distress call.

50. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein the wireless signal and distress call contain vital data pertaining to an organ being monitored by the implanted medical device.

51. (New) The method of claim 47, further comprising receiving, by the external device, a wireless status signal from the implanted medical device indicating a low battery power of the implanted medical device.